

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

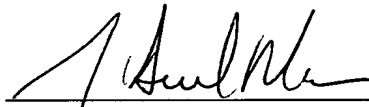
Claims 27-36 are pending in this application.

Claims 27-36 stand rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 14-16 of US Patent 6,680,177. Applicants provide herewith a Terminal Disclaimer over the '177 patent, thus obviating this rejection. Accordingly the rejection should be withdrawn.

No other rejections being present in this application, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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